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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-2-203 and Title 49, Chapter 2, Part 3, relative to the election of director of schools.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-2-203(a)(14), is amended by deleting the language "Notwithstanding any other public or private act to the contrary", and substituting the language "Unless the county commission has voted to establish the elected office of director of schools".

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-2-301(a), is amended by deleting the initial word "Each" and substituting the language "Except as provided in subsection (e), each".

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-2-301, is further amended by adding a new subsection (e), as follows:

(e) Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 49-2-203 and this section which provide for director of schools appointed by the local board of education, a county commission may provide for popular election of a director of schools. If the county commission provides for an elected director, the election shall be held at the regular

August election provided for in Section 2-3-202 on the same basis and subject to the same qualifications as provided for the election of other county officials. A person elected at such election shall take office September 1 following the election and shall serve a term of four (4) years. Any vacancy in the elected office of director of schools shall be filled in the same manner as a vacancy in any other county office. The director of schools shall receive the same compensation provided for general officers of a county by Section 8-24-102.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2003, the public welfare requiring it.